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STATE JUDICIARY'S 2003 ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT; COURT ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS ARE FEATURES

LANSING, MI, May 7, 2004 – The Michigan Supreme Court has released its 2003 Annual Report, which includes caseload statistics and other information about state courts.

The report provides highlights of various judicial branch activities, including Michigan Adoption Day, child welfare, court technology, drug courts, and educational projects. The report also provides 2003 caseload statistics for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and state trial courts. For most categories of statistics, the report provides not only 2003 numbers but numbers for each year going back to 1999.

“This report will, I hope, help inform the public about the judicial branch and its activities,” said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan.

In 2002, the way courts reported their caseloads changed, Corrigan noted. “Before 2002, court caseloads were reported under a number of broad categories,” Corrigan said. “Starting in 2002, the State Court Administrative Office, which is the Supreme Court’s administrative arm, revised the reporting system so that cases are reported by individual case type. These more detailed reports will give us a clearer picture of the courts’ work in a given year.”

The Annual Report may be viewed on the “One Court of Justice” website at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/statistics/2003/2003execsum.pdf>. The statistical reports are also available online at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/caseload.htm#2003highlights>.

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